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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN FIRM'S EFFORTS TO PROCURE ELECTRONICS  
FROM A JAPANESE FIRM (S)

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Classified By: Scott A. Smith for reasons 1.4 b, d.

¶1. (S) EconOff delivered points in ref July 1 to METI Export Controls Deputy Director Nobuhiro Aibe. METI Export Controls Director Takao Shishikura offered EconOff the following nonpaper in English. The METI nonpaper is marked "Confidential."

¶2. (S) Begin text of GOJ English nonpaper:

With respect to your nonpaper on North Korean attempt to possibly purchase items with missile applications, we sincerely appreciate your information and would like to share with you the current status of the measures we have taken so far regarding this paper as following:

¶1A. No exports of rotary encoders or asbestos sheets by SECOLO Corporation were detected since April 2008. We have not received any export license applications regarding the export of above mentioned times by the company either.

¶1B. Any export attempts by SECOLO Corporation have been under particularly strict observation of the Customs, which follows METI's request.

We would be grateful if that information is useful to you. We would continuously cooperate in this matter with you, and would welcome any further input.

End text of GOJ nonpaper

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